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1. Justification has always been by grace through faith
2. That God had always intended for all nations – not just the nation of Israel – to be part of that plan
3. That the blessing would come through the seed of Abraham – not through the nation of Israel per se, but through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, in the flesh a descendant of Abraham.

Gen. 12:1 Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

Gen. 13:16 I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted.

Gen. 14:18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.)

Hebrews 7.1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, 2 and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. 3 He is without father or mother or genealogy, having

neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever. 4 See how great this man was to whom Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils! (ESV)

Heb. 5:6 “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

Gen. 15.1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” 2 But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” 3 And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” 4 And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” 5 And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” 6 And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness. (ESV)

Rom. 4:3 Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

Rom. 4:9 Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? We say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness.

Rom. 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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